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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 168 MONTHS FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

TUCSON – Miguel Angel Ramirez, 24, an illegal alien, was sentenced on Monday, April 30, to 14 years imprisonment after being convicted by a federal jury of two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon with Intent to Commit Murder, and two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon with Intent to do Bodily Harm. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata, and the defendant was convicted on all counts after he testified.

The evidence at trial showed that on April 24, 2004, the defendant went to the victims' home in San Xavier, on the Tohono O'Odham Nation Reservation, where he had lived for some months. The defendant had been asked to leave the home of his girlfriend one week before the attack, after he had been discovered stealing money from the family. The defendant returned to the victims' home, used a key that he had kept, entered the residence, and stabbed his ex-girlfriend and her mother more than twenty times. The victims bravely attempted to fight off the attacker, wounding him in the struggle.

Both surviving victims and family members were present in court and made statements that were considered by the sentencing judge. The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Irene C. Feldman, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, with the assistance of Mary-Anne Estrada, Victim-Witness Coordinator.

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